Introduction of RF tags for baggages

442. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering introduction of Radio Frequency Identification tags on baggages being handled at international airports to prevent them from missing; and

(b) if so, by when it will be implemented at major international airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) It has not been made mandatory by the Government to have Radio Frequency Identification tags on baggages. However, some airlines are considering introducing this feature for baggage handling.

Revenue earned from ground handling work

†443. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private airlines which have been allowed to undertake ground handling work during the last three years; and

(b) the revenue earned by Government from it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No private airline has been allowed to undertake ground handling work for other airlines during the last three years. As per AAI (General Management), Entry for Ground Handling of Air Transport Services Regulations, 2000, an operator or carrier may carry out Ground Handling Services at airports only for their own flights.

(b) Does not arise.

Poor Maintenance of International Airports

444. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether maintenance of international airports in the country is very poor in comparison to international standards;

(b) whether Foreign tourists express displeasure and are dismayed at the facilities at international airports, especially in delhi; and

(c) the measures proposed to boost tourism by renovating airport roof and other places of the airports and providing other facilities of international standards?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.